GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL LEATHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented a UNDP assisted National Leather Development Programme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of small scale entrepreneurs in the leather industry benefited under the said programme;

(d) the funds allocated by the Government for strengthening the technology, skill upgradation and marketing support during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(e) the steps taken by the Government for strengthening the technology, skill upgradation and marketing supports in view of international competition in the sector;

(f) whether incentives are proposed to be granted to promote leather industry in the respective States of the country; and

g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E. V. K. S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c): Yes ,Sir. A UNDP assisted National Leather Development Programme was implemented during the period from 1992 to June,2003. Under the programme, various initiatives aimed at human resource development, institution building , enhancement of product development & export marketing capabilities, promoting design innovation and marketing development, etc. were undertaken. No assistance was provided to individual units.

(d) & (e): The Government has envisaged Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDP) with an outlay of Rs. 400 crore in the 10th Five Year Plan. The Programme involves schemes for technology up-gradation/modernization and expansion in all segments of the leather sector, infrastructure development, human resource development, and market development. In 2003-04 and 2004-05, Rs. 0.60 crore and Rs. 8.125 crore, respectively, were spent in various schemes and in 2005-06 ,an allocation of Rs. 75 crore has been made.

(f) and (g): Under the Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDP), assistance for setting up a leather complex in Andhra Pradesh (Nellore District), a footwear complex in Tamil Nadu (Chennai), two footwear component parks (one each at Agra and Chennai) and one leather goods park in West Bengal (Kolkata) is envisaged.